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Administration: The Karnataka State Archives is working on an ad hoc basis in the absence of trained and permanent staff. Recently the Cadre and Recruitment Rules have been framed and the Karnataka State Public Service Commission has interviewed candidates for the posts. Until the sanctioned staff is recruited, temporary candidates and officials on deputation would continue to man the Archives. Despite the handicaps, considerable work has been done in the Historical Records Section. A large number of documents were classified and catalogued. A new microfilm unit has been installed and it is expected to start functioning shortly. There is also a proposal to translate documents in its custody in vernacular languages.

The Development of Archives in this State is included under the Plan scheme.

Budget: During 1977-78 a sum of Rs.2,00,200 was spent out of the budget allocations of Rs.4,19,000 on the non-plan side, and on the plan side a sum of Rs.2,31,000 was spent out of the budget provision of Rs.5,00,000. Due to some recruitment difficulties some of the posts could not be filled in. For 1978-79 a provision of Rs.3,91,000 was made on non-plan side and a sum of Rs.5,00,000 on the plan side

Building: The proposal regarding contruction of a separate building for archives is under consideration of the Government.

Record Management: Some records of Karnataka Government Secretariat were examined - 4% of which were marked for retention. The retention schedule prescribed in the Secretariat Manual of Office Procedure is being followed while reviewing the papers.

Research and Reference: 13 research scholars availed themselves of research facilities while 16837* queries from private agencies/individuals were attended to and 34,165 records were requisitioned by Government agencies and research scholars.

Reference Media: The work of classification and cataloguing of erstwhile Bombay Government Records was completed. During the period under report records of the Departments of Agriculture and Forest, Local-Self Government, Education, Political Services and Public Works Department were arranged and listed.

Publication Programme: Under the project known as "Karnataka Letters" which throw light on the Administrative History of Mysore from Rendition to Re-organisation (1881-1956), the first volume, covering the period of Dewan Sir Sheshadri Iyer and containing his correspondence with contemporaneous Residents and Assistant Residents was published. Volumes II, III, IV and V under the series pertaining to Sir P.N. Krishna Murthy, T.R.A. Thumboo Chetty, V.P. Madhava Rao and T. Ananda Rao respectively are under print.

16837 queries include the number of printed proceedings of the Government of Mysore supplied to the public to search out the relevant Government orders to claim family pension sanctioned by the Karnataka Government.

Volumes I & II of the Catalogue of records of Karnataka State Archives covering printed proceedings of the Government of Mysore (1881-1947) are also under print. Besides, another scheme to publish a collection of letters entitled 'Fort St. George Letters' to the Court of Directors, London, 1791-92, two volumes are also under print.

Preservation of Records: During the period under report 43 volumes were bound.

Photo-Duplication: The department has its own micro-filming unit but due to want of technical staff work in this regard could not be started. The requisite staff is expected to be recruited shortly through the State Public Service Commission. The para print photo copying machine is however, kept running and is doing useful work in supplying photocopies of records against payment.

Library: 290 books were acquired and expansion programme of library will be taken up after full staff is appointed.